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CM in city

- **Visits Chamundeshwari Temple with several Cabinet colleagues**
- **Chairs review & COVID third wave preparedness meeting at ZP**

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai visited Chamundi Hill Temple in Mysuru this morning accompanied by Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar, other Cabinet colleagues and leaders.

Mysuru, Aug. 9 (MTY&BCT)- In his maiden visit to Mysuru after taking over the administration of the State, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai visited Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop the Chamundi Hill this morning and offered special pujas to the presiding deity.

The CM left Bengaluru at 8 am and though he was supposed to visit the Hill Temple at 10.30 am, his schedule got delayed and his cavalcade arrived at the Temple premises at 11.15 am.

He was accompanied by Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar, who has been deputed by the CM to oversee measures against the spread of COVID-19 and flood relief in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar, Urban Development Minister Byrathi Basavaraj, Housing Minister V. Somanna, Large & Medium Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani, Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar, Horticulture Minister Munirathna, Excise Minister K. Gopalaiah and others.

At the Hill Temple, Bommai was given a traditional *Poorna Kumbha* welcome accompanied by *Mangala Vadya*. The dignitaries were led to the sanctum sanctorum by Chief Priest Dr. N. Shashishekar Dixit where special pujas were performed. The CM and Ministers were felicitated with shawls and garlands.

MLAs G.T. Devegowda, L. Nagendra, B. Harshavardhan and M.P. Renukacharya, D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman R. Raghu Kautilya, Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation Chairman Ka. Pu. Siddalingaswamy, Zoo Authority of Karnataka Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy and others were present at Hill Temple.

(See CM on page 6)

Ramdas stays away from all CM events

Mysuru, Aug. 9 (MTY,RK& BCT) - Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas stayed away from all the official programmes of the CM in the city this morning reportedly miffed over not being made a Minister in the Basavaraj Bommai Government.

Ramdas stayed away from the CM's visit to Chamundi Hill. He was also not present at the BJP Party Office where Bommai visited for the first time after becoming the CM.

The MLA was not even present at the COVID review meeting chaired by the CM at Zilla Panchayat Hall.

Ramdas was among the aspirants for a berth in the Bommai Council of Ministers. He had expressed disappointment over his non-inclusion with a sarcastic tweet recently.

(See RAMDAS on page 6)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 9th August 2021

Joyalukkas wins coveted RetailME ICONS award

Joy Alukkas, Chairman - Joyalukkas Group, receiving the coveted RetailME ICONS award from Laila Mohammed Suhail, CEO - Strategic Alliance and Partnership, Dubai Department of Tourism & Commerce Marketing, in the presence of John Paul Alukkas, Managing Director, Joyalukkas Jewellery - International Operations.

Mysuru, Aug. 9- Joyalukkas, the world's favourite jeweller, was recently awarded the coveted RetailME ICONS award as an acknowledgement of their pioneering leadership in the business of retail in MENA.

Joy Alukkas, Chairman, of Joyalukkas Group, received the award from Laila Mohammed Suhail, CEO - Alliance and Partnership, Dubai Department of Tourism & Commerce Marketing in the presence of John Paul Alukkas, Managing Director, Joyalukkas Jewellery - International Operations, in a glittering function in Dubai.

According to Joy Alukkas, this is yet another recognition for Joyalukkas from the region's leading media that is exclusively dedicated for the retail industry.

"Awards are a recognition for the efforts we put in our business and I am happy to note that we have been bestowed with this great honour. As I understand, there were stringent guidelines in the selection process and the awardees were selected based on nominations received, jury scoring and editorial selection," said Joy Alukkas.

According to a note from the award organisers, the retailers who have won have demonstrated great leadership with clear examples of innovation, proven their legacy and expanded their operations. It is also noted by the organisers that a Pioneer is someone who sees potential, builds the courage to lay out the foundation with a grit to explore and push boundaries and Joyalukkas has been recognised in this category.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The axiom that Parliament is supreme does not seem to hold true anymore. India seriously needs to remind itself that, in our system, the legislative body has absolute sovereignty, and is above all other institutions, executive and judiciary included. Dysfunctional Houses of Parliament, where pandemonium reigns instead of debate, are a form of anarchy. Finance bills and legislations that affect our rights are passed in token fashion.

For the opposition, a washed-out session is the best way to embarrass the government. And getting its business done nonetheless is the way the treasury benches signal their brute majority. The people are the losers — those who pay for the conduct of elections. The government of the day is only a temporary custodian of their resources. The Pegasus spyware issue is no doubt crucial, the government needs to come clean on it or agree to a probe. However, for the opposition to hold Parliament to ransom on this issue is not fair either. By its own assertion, the COVID second wave has mauled the nation. Does it not need a thorough discussion, so that future waves are better managed?

—In The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

The beautiful Star Sand Beach of Japan

Okinawa: Hoshizuna-no-Hama, which means 'Sand in the Shape of a Star' in English, is a small but charming Japanese beach famous for its star-shaped tiny grains of sand.

Located on Irimote, the second-largest island in Okinawa prefecture, Hoshizuna-no-Hama doesn't look too different than the hundreds of other beaches in the Japanese archipelago, at least at first glance. Closer inspection reveals that many of the sand grains have a very recognisable shape – either a five or six-tipped star. That's because Hoshizuna-no-Hama beach consists in part of billions of exoskeleton of foraminifers, marine protozoa that thrives on the ocean floor. Their calcium carbonate shells remain behind after their death and are constantly washed ashore by the ocean, creating this stunning natural wonder.

Man, grandma cook up world's biggest Oreo

Ohio: A 95-year-old social media star and her grandson claimed they have broken a Guinness World Record in Ohio by cooking a giant Oreo cookie that weighs 175 pounds. Ross Smith, a social media influencer known for the videos he makes with his 95-year-old grandma, said the duo decided to take on the challenge of making the world's largest Oreo.

Smith said the 175-pound cookie unofficially broke the record set by a 160-pound cookie made by Oreo manufacturer Mondelez International in 2018 and added that the record attempt was timed to coincide with his grandmother's birthday on Aug. 1. "We looked up online for the world's biggest Oreo and we decided to go bigger," Smith said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

"Good hygiene: the primary way to prevent infections - Don't share dishes, glasses, or eating utensils.Avoid direct contact with napkins, tissues, handkerchiefs, or similar items used by others. Mask on face and handwash, can keep covid at bay".

By Veronica D Souza - Infection Control Nurse

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Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme: Offer available at Post Offices

Mysuru, Aug. 9 - The Postal Department has introduced Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme for the year 2021-22, in which the members of the public can invest at their nearby Post Office from today (Aug.9) till Aug. 13, 2021.

The minimum investment is one gram of gold and individuals and undivided Hindu families can invest upto 4 kg while Trusts and such other bodies can invest upto 20 kg in a financial year.

The Bond period is 8 years. After the expiry of the Bond period, the Post Office will return the money for the invested quantity of gold as per the market rate that prevails then. An annual fixed interest of 2.5 percent will also be paid on the investment.

For more details about the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme, the members of the public can visit their nearest Post Office or call Ph: 0821-2417308 or 2417307 or Mob: 98451-07947, according to a press release from the Sr. Postal Superintendent.

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Day's Discharges	14	324
Total Discharges	1,70,031	1,70,355
Day's Deaths	1	1
Total Deaths	2,324	2,325
Total Active Cases	1,475	1,248

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Replace the burnt bulbs of street-lights in BEML Layout

Sir,

It is almost over one-and-a-half months since the street-lights near Surya Needs in BEML Layout of Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bogadi II Stage, have become defunct. As a result, women and senior citizens are facing a lot of problems to move on this road.

Several requests made to replace the burnt bulbs have not yielded any results so far. Therefore, on behalf of the travellers and motorists, I once again request the authorities concerned to look into the matter and take necessary action so as to avoid further untoward incidents.

—An inconvenienced senior citizen

Mysuru 3.8.2021

Hill temple open for devotees

Mysuru, Aug. 9 (SBD&DM) - With the Ashada month ending on Sunday (Aug.8), the District Administration has lifted the ban on devotees visiting Chamundeshwari temple atop Chamundi Hill and Sri Jwalamukhi Tripura Sundari Amma Temple at Uttanahalli in the taluk, with effect from today (Aug.9).

On account of COVID-19 pandemic, the two famed temples were shut for devotees on all Ashada Fridays, weekends (Saturdays and Sundays) and other public holidays during the Ashada month that concluded yesterday. With the lifting of ban, the temples will be open for devotees on all days till 6 pm. However, the two temples will be closed for devotees on Saturday and Sunday if the weekend curfew that is in place,continues further.

Corrections and Clarifications

In the *Abracadabra* titled ***'Malayalam novel about a Russian novelist'*** published in yesterday's *Star of Mysore* on Page-8, the word **euphemism** used in the fourth column first para, before the Sanskrit phrase '*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'* was wrong. It may please be read as **aphorism. —Ed**

Revision of voters' list from today

New voters can enroll till Oct.31

Mysuru, Aug.9 (PM&DM) - Youths, who attain 18 years of age as on Jan.1, 2022, can apply for inclusion of their names in the electoral list at concerned polling booths till Oct.31.

In a press release, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham said that apart from new voters, other citizens who do not find their name in the voter list, too can enroll by Oct.31. Also, voters can submit the specific forms relating to change of address, any correction in names or address etc., during this period.

Pointing out that the Election Commission of India has issued the schedule for fresh voters registration, the DC said that as per the schedule, the enrolment of new voters will take place from Aug.9 till Oct.31, during which revision of voters list too will be taken up.

Following the Oct.31 deadline, the District Administration will publish the draft voter list on Nov.1 and the citizens can file their objections, if any, till Nov.30. The authorities will take up disposal of accepted objections from Dec.20, following which the final list of voters will be published on Jan.5, 2022, the release said.

Simple Independence Day celebration in city on Aug.15: DC

Dr.Bagadi Gautham

Mysuru, Aug.9- In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the District Administration will celebrate Independence Day in a simple manner in the city on Aug.15.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, who chaired a meeting at his office here on Saturday, directed the officials to make necessary preparations for celebrating Independence Day in a simple manner at Bannimantap Torchlight Parade Grounds, the usual venue, on that day.

The DC pointed out that District Minister will hoist the national flag at 9 am on Aug.15 and receive the guard of honour.

The Police Department will take out the customary marchpast as part of Independence Day celebration, he said.

Additional DC Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy, Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Channappa, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, DCP Pradeep Gunti, CAR DCP Shivaraj, Assistant Commissioner Kamala Bai and other officials attended the meeting.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Book release

Dr. C.N. Manjunath, Director, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, will release the book titled 'Sakkare Kayile - Prashne? Uttara' (Diabetes - Question? Answer), authored by Dr. S.P. Yoganna, at a programme organised by Talukina Venkannaiah Smaraka Granthamale, Mysuru and District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru, at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri here at 11 am on Aug. 10.

Grievances meet

The Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens will be holding a grievances meeting of physically challenged persons at the ZP hall here at 1 pm tomorrow (Aug. 10). Mysuru Deputy Commissioner will preside over the meeting. Two office-bearers from each of differently abled persons associations can take part in the meeting by adhering to COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and air their grievances.

PM's interaction with SHG members

PM Narendra Modi will be holding a virtual interaction with members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) which are serving under National Rural Livelihood Mission on Aug. 12 which will be telecast live on Doordarshan, NIC, CSC and on YouTube at 12.30 pm. Members of SHGs can take part by assembling at Saamarthya Soudha, Gram Panchayat Halls or at other public places on the said date and time, by following COVID guidelines, according to a press release by ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh.

PM Modi to chair UNSC debate on maritime security today

New Delhi, Aug. 9 (Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair an open debate at the **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)** on maritime security today evening. According to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), the meeting, through video conferencing, is scheduled to take place at 5.30 pm IST.

Narendra Modi

PM Modi will be the first Indian Prime Minister to preside over a UNSC open debate, the MEA further said. As a non-permanent member, India has the rotational presidency of the top world body for the month of August.

The UN Security Council has discussed and passed resolutions on different aspects of maritime security and maritime crime. However, this will be the first time that maritime security will be discussed in a holistic manner as an exclusive agenda item in such a high-level open debate.

Titled 'Enhancing Maritime Security - A Case for International Co-operation', the debate will focus on ways to effectively counter maritime crime and insecurity and strengthen coordination in the maritime domain.

The debate on maritime security is the first of three signature events India is holding as UNSC chair. The other two are on UN peacekeeping and counter-terrorism. Russian President Vladimir Putin, Democratic Republic of Congo President Felix- Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken are among the world leaders who are expected to attend the debate.

Other leaders who are expected to participate in today's event are President of Niger Mohamed Bazoum, the President of Kenya Uhuru Kenyatta and Prime Minister of Vietnam Pham Minh Chinh.

"The oceans have played an important part in India's history right from the time of the Indus Valley Civilization. Based on our civilizational ethos that sees the seas as an enabler of shared peace and prosperity, Prime Minister Modi put forward the vision of SAGAR - an acronym for 'Security and Growth for all in the Region' in 2015," the MEA said.

Over 200 Taliban terrorists killed in US airstrikes

Kabul, Aug. 9 (Agencies)- The Taliban on Sunday faced heavy casualties when Air Forces targeted their gatherings and hideouts in the city of Sheberghan, killing 200 members of the terrorist outfit, according to Afghan Defence Ministry official.

"More than 200 Taliban terrorists were killed in Sheberghan city after Air Forces targeted their gathering and hideouts today evening. A large number of their weapons and ammunition and more than 100s of their vehicles were destroyed as a result of the airstrikes," tweeted Fawad Aman, an Afghan Defence Ministry official.

The Taliban gathering was targeted by a B-52 bomber in Sheberghan city of Jawzjan province today evening at 6.30 pm. The terrorists have suffered heavy casualties as a result of a US Air Forces airstrike," tweeted the Afghan Defence Ministry official.

The US has pledged for the airstrikes to counter the Taliban after they withdrew its forces from Afghanistan.

Till now, 385 Taliban terrorists were killed and 210 others were wounded as a result of air strikes during the last 48 hours.

Separate Co-operation Ministry a milestone

To help India achieve 5 trillion dollar mark by 2025: Dr. Kagalkar

Bengaluru, Aug. 9 (UNI)- BJP Karnataka's Economic Cell State Convener Dr. Samir Kagalkar said the formation of a new Co-operation Ministry will help India achieve the 5 trillion dollar mark by 2025 as it will give a major boost to the growth of the agriculture sector.

Samir Kagalkar

"The step of moving to the 5 trillion USD-mark by 2025 and to the 10 trillion USD economy status by 2030, will be impossible without the growth in the agricultural sector," Kagalkar said in the State party unit's blog.

Sadly, the agriculture sector was still put in chains by the Congress Government when the entire country was a beneficiary of the reforms since 1991, he lamented. Just about 17 percent of India's GDP is contributed by agriculture, on which over 57 percent of people depend, Kagalkar said.

"The inference is very clear, that unless there is a massive improvement in efficiency & productivity in the farm sector, the country as a whole cannot move to the prosperity level," he said.

Only through economic prosperity can India root out poverty, bring in lots of social welfare measures for the needy, strengthen national security for a peaceful progress, Kagalkar said.

"In this regard, PM Narendra Modi has adopted the twin strategies of ease of doing business and ease of living," he added.

To massively improve efficiency, the farm sector had to be liberalised, Kagalkar said. In this regard, the Modi government came out with the truly historic agricultural reforms in 2019, liberalising the sector and therefore enabling them to reap the benefits of reforms, Kagalkar said.

One of the key enablers to help the farm sector open up and benefit is the need for strong co-operation-based competition, he said. To achieve this, the Modi Government has announced massive subsidies, financial and other help to kick-start 10,000 FPOs that will act as the common platform based on co-operation to achieve their individual interests, he said.

The agricultural sector requires strong support from the government, to bring them at par with the other two sectors. And, it can be done by bringing in a new Co-operation Ministry, Kagalkar said.

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HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,855.24 feet
Inflow	:	8,304 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,743 cusecs

Calling growers to avail 50% subsidy

on transportation of notified fruits and vegetables through Kisan Rail

Mysuru, Aug. 9 - The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has extended 50 % subsidy on transportation of notified fruits and vegetables through Kisan Rail Trains under Operation Greens — TOP (Tomato, Onion and Potato) crop to Total.

Under this scheme, 50 percent subsidy is allowed in freight charges for transporting the notified commodities, the benefit of which will be extended by Chief Parcel Supervisors at the loading station.

The objective is to protect the fruits and vegetables growers from making distress sale and reduce the post-harvest losses.

Eligible fruits are Mango, Banana, Guava, Kiwi, Litchi, Papaya, Sweet Lime, Orange, Kinnow (Citrus fruit), Lime, Lemon, Pineapple, Pomegranate, Jackfruit, Apple, Almond, Aonla (Indian Gooseberry), Passion Fruit and Pear. Vegetables: French Beans, Bitter Gourd, Brinjal, Capsicum, Carrot, Cauliflower, Chillies (Green), Okra (Ladies Finger), Cucumber, Peas, Garlic, Potato and Tomato.

The details regarding Operation Greens — TOP to Total may be obtained from the website: *https://mofpi.nic.in/Aatmanirbhar-Bharat/Operation-Greens-%28OTP-to-Total%29/about-og-total*

For more details, farmers and eligible entities may approach the Parcel Office in Railway Stations, according to a press release from Dr. Manjunath Kanamadi, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager and PRO, South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division.

BRBNMPL donates learning equipment worth Rs. 41 lakh to Maharani's College

Mysuru, Aug. 9- City's Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Pvt. Limited (BRBNMPL), under its Social Corporate Responsibility (CSR) initiative, has donated learning equipment including 100 computers, 10 projectors and other accessories worth Rs. 41 lakh to Maharani's Commerce and Management College for Women located on Valmiki road in Vinayakanagar.

More than 4,500 girl students are studying in this college which offers B. Com, BBA, M.Com, MBA and other courses.

These digital learning equipment were handed over to the college authorities recently.

Speaking on the occasion, BRBNMPL General Manager Ramesh Kumar said that learning dimensions have changed completely with the advancement of science and technology.

Noting that computers and projectors are necessary tools for the fast changing world, he said that the BRBNMPL, realising the importance of these learning equipment, thought it fit to donate them out of its CSR funds. He called upon the students to make best use of these equipment for making their studies easier.

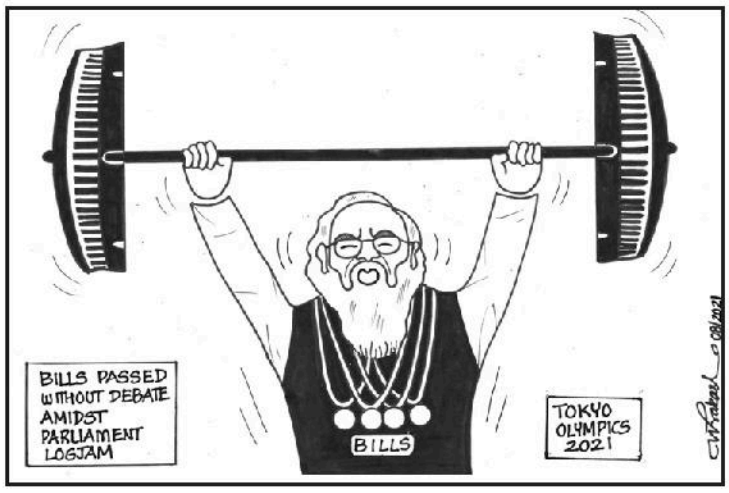
BRBNMPL General Manager (PP) Dr. N. Krishnaswamy said that the intelligence levels will go up with increased work. Pointing out that newer technologies are emerging almost every other day, he said that mastering these technologies will help in faster career growth.

College Principal Dr. G.H. Mahadevaswamy, who presided, thanked BRBNMPL for responding to the plea for donating digital equipment worth Rs. 41 lakh to the college.

BRBNMPL Manager N.G. Murali too spoke. Assistant Manager Akhileshwar Reddy, M.P. Ravi, college faculty Dr. S. Manju, R.V. Manu, Somanna and others were present.

TEASER

By N. Prakash



Free COVID vaccination drive tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 9 (KS) - Al-Khalid Charitable Trust, Bannimantap, Mysuru, has organised a free COVID Vaccination drive (1st and 2nd doses) for the public tomorrow (Aug. 10).

The drive will be held at Abdul Rahman Saheb Talim Garadi Trust at Mission Hospital Circle in Mandi Mohalla between 10 am and 4 pm for people in the age group of 18 to 70 years.

For details, contact Mob: 97417-89000 or 99868-59885.

Empty pot protest by farmers demanding implementation of Mekedatu project

Mysuru, Aug. 9 (PM&AK)- Demanding implementation of Mekedatu Project, farmers under the banner of State Sugarcane Growers Association staged a protest by carrying empty pots near Gun House Circle on Saturday.

The farmers expressed anger against Tamil Nadu Government for objecting Mekedatu Project. Also, the farmers demanded that construction of the dam at Mekedatu in Kanakapura taluk should commence soon.

Association President Kurubur Shantakumar said, "When there is increase in rainfall, more than 100 TMC of water is released to Tamil Nadu from River Cauvery. Our State should utilise more water and Mekedatu Project should be implemented soon. In 1960 when Kabini Dam was about to be constructed, Tamil Nadu Government had raised objections over this. But the State Government utilised money and constructed the dam. Now, the State Government should come forward in order to build the Mekedatu Dam."

"According to Supreme Court verdict, 189 TMC of water is released to Tamil Nadu every year. We can use the Cauvery water without any restrictions, State Government is just giving statements in front of the media over the construction of dam. Government should begin the work immediately rather wasting time. If the work doesn't begin soon, thousands of farmers will hold a Padayatra from Mysuru to Mekedatu", he added.

State Sugarcane Growers Association State Secretary Attahalli Devaraj, Working President Hallikerehundi Bhagyaraj, General Secretary Kiragasuru Shankar, District Vice-President Kerehundi Rajanna, Galigarahundi Venkatesh, Baradanapura Nagaraj, Kurbur Siddesh, Hadya Ravi, Mysuru City President Devendrakumar Aradhya and others took part in the protest.

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Old is Gold

By K.B. Ganapathy

Humble beginnings of great men

[Published on 10.5.1978]

Nobody can predict the character of a woman and the destiny of a man, it is well and truly said. I am personally happy to know this. First, this so-called 'character' in reference to women has been a hindrance for men to make any amorous advances. Now there is hope since the secret is out.

I am also happy for another personal reason. All my life I have had no tryst with destiny so as to make me happy and contented. Now there is hope because I am a man.

Be that as it may, what prompted me to think of this most prophetic of all sayings is the news item that appeared in Monday's papers informing us about the antecedents of the latest President of Afghanistan, Nur Muhammad Taraki. After all, the President is our own boy like former Prime Minister of Pakistan Mr. Bhutto.

According to reports, the Afghani President had his higher education at Bombay in a night school.

He was born in a shepherd's family, worked in Bombay as a clerk in a fruit company run by an Afghan merchant. The word shepherd reminds me of that comical former Prime Minister of Russia Mr. Khrushchev, who was also supposed to be a shepherd boy.

History, of course, is replete with such humble beginnings of great men. Now, all shepherd boys please remember this and all non-shepherd boys beware of shepherd boys.

— PUCK

Jayaprakash Narayan Morarji Desai

cording to their age and profession. Many just don't. I am ruminating on this after seeing a couple of pictures of Jayaprakash Narayan and Morarji Desai. They are seen wearing glasses that simply do not suit them. JP wears a sort of go-go glasses that are commonly worn by our Hindi male film stars and the mod boys. Probably, JP feels that he can read the mind of the young better through those glasses to muster student support for his never-ending revolutions.

As for Morarji Desai, they are not glasses, they are blinkers. Perhaps, he wants to follow the straight path without being distracted by the circus that is going on along either side of his political road.

Nehru had an impeccable taste in speech, dress and manners. He was not flashy. His spectacle was just like the one made-for-each-other type. It was part of his personality when worn. Never obtrusive. Not at all conspicuous by its size, shape or colour. In fact, it was in harmony with its wearer.

The best specs I liked among our politicians was of our 'Emergency Big-Mouth' Dev Kant Barooah, who reminded me those British masters of pre-independent days. Of course, the horizontally cut top of the glasses with a steel rim, fitted his rotund visage benignly well.

What about our Indira Gandhi? Like, Golda Meir of Israel, she was known as the only man in the Cabinet and justly she chose to wear not only men's glasses but also the wrist-watch. Of course, it suited her personality and position. She was and is a graceful lady just as she was a powerful man while doing a man's job as Prime Minister.

— PUCK

NOTE: *In the beginning, Abracadabra column did not carry a headline like in later days. For some years it only had a pen name 'PUCK' for its author.*—**Ed**

Dress yourself according to age

[Published on 13.5.1978]

Man must look his age, but cannot look his age always. Some look young at even 60. Perhaps they are the jolly-good types. And by and large, all men are young at heart as far as sex is concerned. I do not know about women.

Man must also dress his age and talk his age. Elders usually carry a halo of wisdom around them because of their measured and weighed speech. I wish they also dressed ac-

Closed-door meeting debates COVID situation in Mysuru

Most of the Cabinet Ministers present; Media entry limited to clicking photos

Mysuru, Aug. 9 (RK&BCT)- It was indeed a high-level COVID review meeting at the D. Devaraj Urs Hall at Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Office this noon that was chaired by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

The meeting discussed a wide range of issues concerning public safety, lapses or delay in COVID management if any, finance available to battle third wave and also strategies to prevent paediatric infections.

Ministers S.T. Somashekar, Byrathi Basavaraju, V. Somanna, Murugesh Nirani, Dr. K. Sudhakar, Munirathna and K. Gopalaiah, MLAs G.T. Devegowda, Tanveer Sait, L. Nagendra and B. Harshavardhan MLCs Marithibbegowda and K.T. Srikantegowda were a part of the meeting along with Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta and SP R. Chetan.

Media persons were, however, not allowed inside the high-level meeting and after the photos and videos were taken of the meeting, they were asked to leave the Hall. Newsmen were asked to come to the Abdul Nazeer Saab Hall at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI) after the meeting to note down what the VVIPs and the officials said rather than being a part of the meeting.

Sources said that at the meeting, a presentation was made to the CM on the COVID battle in Mysuru, the deaths so far, test positivity rate, COVID Care Centres, hospital beds available in case of the third wave and the overall preparedness of the district. Data was provided by the DC on the vaccination status and the data of the people who have got both the first dose and the second dose of vaccination.

As the CM arrived at the ZP premises, a Guard of Honour was accorded to him by the City Police Commissioner and the Superintendent of Police as it was the Chief Minister's official visit to Mysuru.

CM events: MLA Ramdas clarifies

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Taking to Twitter, the four-time BJP MLA had said last week, *"Congrats to the new Ministers, who have built, developed the party and got qualified to occupy the post. I hope and believe you strive in making Karnataka No. 1 State in the country. May Maa Chamundeshwari bless you all."*

He also said that he would take it as a challenge to convert his Constituency into a model Constituency by taking up a slew of developmental works and did not believe in 'post-mortem' as to why he missed Ministerial berth.

When reporters asked the CM at Chamundi Hill about the MLA's tweet, he replied, "Ramdas is a good friend of mine; he is a senior leader of the party and he would be disappointed. My Cabinet has taken shape under special circumstances. Will call and speak to him."

Ramdas clarifies

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, MLA Ramdas clarified that he could not attend the CM's programmes as he was preoccupied with his recently launched initiative of hoisting the Party flag and fixing of Name Plates at the houses of BJP Booth Presidents in his Constituency.

Contending that he was forced to attend this programme as the Party workers were waiting for him, Ramdas claimed that he did not intentionally skip the CM's events in city.

CM atop Hill: Devotee entry banned

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An hour before the CM's convoy came to the Temple premises, public and devotee entry was restricted from the Mahishasura Statue till the Temple so that the VVIPs were not inconvenienced. Not even a single person was allowed inside and on the roads from 10 am till the cavalcade left the Temple. The Police had spread a security blanket around the Temple and its immediate surrounding areas.

Later speaking to reporters, the CM said that his Cabinet was balanced and in no way there are any rumblings. "Yes, some of the Ministers had expressed their dissatisfaction and now everything is clear and I have spoken to Anand Singh and MTB Nagaraj," he said.

From the Temple, the CM proceeded towards Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Office where he held a review meeting and COVID third wave preparedness meeting. He was scheduled to proceed to Suttur Mutt at Suttur Srikshetra in Nanjangud in the afternoon.

CM's breakfast at Shivalli Restaurant

Before arriving in Mysuru, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and all the Ministers had sumptuous breakfast at Shivalli Restaurant near Channapatna where they savoured idli, vada, masala dosa, kesari bath and coffee.

Name road in front of Rangayana Mysuru after B.V. Karanth: Addanda Cariappa

Former Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Chairman Prof. Pradhan Gurudatta is seen lighting the lamp during the inauguration of 'B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi' at Rangayana premises in city this morning as (from left) Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Mysuru Amateur Theatre Groups' Federation President H.S. Suresh Babu, senior theatre promoter Jayaram Patil, Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa, senior theatre artiste Rajashekar Kadamba and Ranga Samaja Member Jeevanram Sullia look on. Picture right shows Bharatiya Ranga Shikshana students presenting 'Kamsale' dance on the occasion.

'B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi' inaugurated

Mysuru, Aug. 9 (RKB&DM)- Asserting that he would not rest until the road running in front of Rangayana gate (road linking Hunsur Road with Kukkarahalli Lake) is named after theatre great B.V. Karanth, Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa said that several representations have been made to the Government in this regard.

He was delivering the keynote address of the inauguration of 'B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi' at Rangayana premises here this morning.

Highlighting the pains taken by 'Ranga Bhishma' B.V. Karanth for building Rangayana in Mysuru, Cariappa said that the Government should take serious note of the demand and name the road running in front of Rangayana gate after B.V. Karanth.

Pointing out that it has also been planned to install a bust of B.V. Karanth in Rangayana premises marking the theatre great's birthday later this year, he expressed disappointment over the absence of Minister S.T. Somashekar who was supposed to inaugurate the 'B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi.'

Explaining the highlights of B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi, Cariappa said that it was built at an hitherto unused space as an additional platform for staging plays, especially by Ranga Shikshana students and other art performances.

Noting that it was earlier planned to build a Theatre Museum at this space but the idea did not come off as it required crores of rupees, Cariappa said that the B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi was built at a cost of Rs. 8 lakh with generous donation from donors and own funds of Rangayana.

He also lauded the support extended by senior theatre promoter of Mysuru, Jayaram Patil, for the construction of Ranga Chavadi.

Stating that Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra has promised Rs. 5 lakh out of his MLA fund for Rangayana's activities, he said that the MLA should allot at least Rs. 10 lakh for the purpose.

Underlining the hardship that Rangayana underwent in the past one and half year following the outbreak of the deadly COVID -19 pandemic last year, Cariappa said that prior to the COVID outbreak, the Government used to announce an annual grant of Rs. 4 crore every year for Mysuru Rangayana. But this grant has come down to a mere Rs. 60 lakh in the post-COVID times, which has left wondering Rangayana how to pay even monthly wages for artistes and staff, who are over 70 in number, he bemoaned.

Former Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Chairman Prof. Pradhan Gurudatta, who spoke after inaugurating B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi by handing over Kolu and Kamsale to Bharatiya Ranga Shikshana students, said that B.V. Karanth's achievements cannot be described in words.

Recalling his association with 'Ranga Bhishma' as B.V. Karanth was popularly known, Prof. Pradhan Gurudatta said that he and Karanth have together watched many plays and art performances at many places.

Pointing out that B.V. Karanth used to often say that learning is a never ending process, he said that Karanth used to analyse each and every play for its speciality or newness.

Terming B.V. Karanth as a rare personality with exceptional talent, Prof. Gurudatta said that Karanth's contribution for the growth of Rangayana will ever remain etched in the minds of people.

Opining that Rangayana had remained stagnant over the years, he said that Addanda C. Cariappa has given a new touch to it by carrying out relentless activities despite the hardships caused by the deadly pandemic.

He also highlighted the efforts made by Cariappa in staging Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa's play 'Parva' in a very well-organised manner, just as film-maker B.R. Chopra succeeded in bringing the great epic *Mahabharat* on Television screens. The Rangayana Director also ensured that *Parva* reached out even to the common man through the staging of the play in a lucid manner, he added.

Artistes T.V. Suresh of Ponnampet and Devendra, who were entrusted with the construction of B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi, were honoured on the occasion.

Bharatiya Ranga Shikshana students performed a 'Kamsale' dance to the songs on Lord Malai Mahadeshwaraswamy.

Earlier, Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy welcomed the gathering.

At 6 pm today (Aug. 9), a Rangageethe and Tala Maddale programme will take place at B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi.

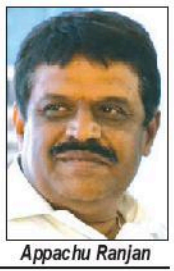
Kodava Samaja urges Ministerial berth for Appachu Ranjan

Mysuru, Aug. 9 (RK&BCT)- Five-time MLA M.P. Appachu Ranjan deserves a Ministerial berth in the Basavaraj Bommai-led BJP Ministry in the State, said office-bearers of Mysuru Kodava Samaja who met Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at the BJP party office in the city this morning. The CM visited the BJP office for the first time today after becoming the CM.

Submitting a memorandum to the CM, members of Kodava Samaja said that Ranjan, who represents Madikeri Assembly constituency, is among the senior MLAs of the BJP in the State and hence is aspiring and also a deserving candidate for a Ministerial berth. President of the Samaja K.M. Belliappa and other office-bearers were present.

Appachu Ranjan had served as Minister for Youth Services and Sports during the regime of Jagadish Shettar as Chief Minister. Appachu Ranjan belongs to the minority Kodava community and the people of Kodagu believe that a Cabinet berth to Ranjan will render justice to the district, they told the CM.

Basavaraj Bommai



Appachu Ranjan

They told the CM that the Kodava community has no representation in the Government to ensure social, economic and political justice and successive Governments have ignored the community till now though the district was once a 'C State.'

"Kodagu has a strong BJP base since years and the district has got a raw deal from the party and it has been demonstrated many times including when the community was ignored when you formed the Cabinet. There are over 2.35 lakh community members and it needs a fair representation in the Cabinet," they told the CM.

The community members told the CM that Appachu Ranjan had worked for the welfare of people of Kodagu and also built the party and had successfully won all the MLA elections with a huge margin. "There are many burning issues in Kodagu of late and only a Minister from the Kodava community can ensure justice instead of an in-charge Minister from any other district who has no knowledge of Kodagu's topography, culture and people," the Kodava Samaja members told the CM.

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Symbols and Prosperity

Feng Shui is all about creating a space that exudes harmony, peace and happiness. Hence, ensuring a good flow of energy in and around a structure is one of the key dynamics behind this age-old practice. If the immediate surrounding is not too harmonious, it is said to affect negatively certain aspirations in the life of the occupants such as relationship, wealth, family luck or cause illness.

From the subatomic particles to skyscrapers, from good vibes to auras, everything in the universe is said to be vibrating. Our personal vibrations interact with the vibrations of our environment including the people, places and things that make up our world. Art of Feng Shui helps in actively choosing or intending to engage with the favourable energy available to us at all times.

The universe is comprised of the interaction of the five elements and so is the internal system of the human body which is also made up of these five elements. When we are surrounded with symbols that generate positive energy, the Body, Mind and Soul is at peace, the aura is in balance and in turn it motivates the individual to bring out the best.

The authentic Feng Shui analysis for a structure is based on many vital data like orientation of building, compass directions, main door orientation, interaction of elements, natal charts of individuals, yet, one can tap into positive energies in a premises by placing, carrying specific symbolisms or adapt décor and colours which are supportive.

Symbolic level of Feng Shui works due to energy specific symbols based on the five elements which activates the right balance and positivity and in turn connects with the subconscious level of the occupants mind in a positive manner.

Any of the following simple methods could enhance positive energy in premises:

• Displaying figurine of dual fish in metal which represents strength, bondage and love for married couples, is auspicious and a good luck charm too. Maintaining clean live aquariums with active fishes which enhance the element water are said to activate wealth luck.

• Adapting Green Jade, peridot, Green Garnets in jewellery design is considered good. Green connotes freshness, vitality and it also signifies the wood element and growth. However, one could also enhance the wood element by placing live healthy plants.

• Placing crystals in four major corners of home would help to conquer bad energy or bad luck, and to bring plenty of wealth luck, it also strengthens the Earth energy as crystals represent Earth element.

• Crystal lotus flowers signify ability to remain rooted in the mud of the earth and rise to perfect purity above, it is the Universal Symbol of the Flowering of Consciousness and Spiritual Attainment. When placed under bright spot light, it will refract light and generate peaceful energy in environment which aid the productive cycle of fire and earth element. Alternatively turning on up-lit bright lights or having a splash of brighter shades of ochre and orange as wall décor can create positive or Yang Chi.

• Placing metal art décor or figurines, suspending oriental metal coins (round coin with a square hole) above the main door empowers the entry with metal energy.

• Wearing clear crystal, amethyst or rose quartz beads controls emotional imbalance, activates love, peace, harmony and good health.

Feng Shui acts as a catalyst to activate the good luck of a space but it is influenced by the energy, thought, action and deed of the occupants too. Merely placing Feng Shui Symbolism without practicing positive affirmations, generosity or good deeds may not fructify our desires. Hence, it is important that one puts an imprint of positive thoughts, good vibes and a feel of abundance while placing such symbolisms to derive the maximum out of such time-tested methods.

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New team of Mysore Amity Ladies Circle-108

*A group photo of the new office-bearers of Mysore Amity Ladies Circle-108 (MALC-108) for the year 2021-2022. Seen are (sitting from left) **Cr. Rupal Mehta (VC), Cr. Rashmi Kaahyap (Treasurer), GLMF Cr. Nidhi Shah (chief guest), Cr. Swathi Bhagavat (Chairperson), Cr. Aparna Ranga (Secretary) and Cr. Sampada Jain (IPC);** Standing from left: **Cr. Swetha Ganesh (HC), Cr. Anusha Suraj (Fellowship Convener), Cr. Pooja Daksh (Extension Convener), Cr. Kavya Kailash (Fund Raiser), Cr. Sahana Adith (Twinkler Convener) and Cr. Nisha Darshan (Publicity Convener).***

Installation Ceremony of Mysore Elite Ladies Circle-141

*A new team of office-bearers of Mysore Elite Ladies Circle-141 has taken charge for the year 2021-2022. Seen are (sitting from left) **Megala Dinesh (Treasurer), Priyanka Ravi, Kavya Kailash, Vibha Arjun (Chairperson), Ashwini Arun (Immediate Past Chairperson), Namrata Shenoy and Kajal Singh (Secretary);** Standing from left: **Dakshayini Gowtham, Shruthi Pavan, Jayanthi Prem, Supreetha Suresh, Bindu Sharath and Sapna Kushal.***

Office-bearers of Inner Wheel Club of Mysore West

The Installation Ceremony of office-bearers of Inner Wheel Club of Mysore West for the year 2021-22 was held recently at Rotary West auditorium. Preeti Peush (Joint Secretary), PP Shalini Chari (Vice-President), Dr. Bharathi Urs, PDC Usha Alexander, Rushmi Gowda (Treasurer), PDC Shailaja Shivanna, PDC Jayashree M. Urs, Shwetha Krishna (Secretary), Bhavani Chandra (President), Installaling Officer PDC Chandrika Raghu, District Chairman Pushpa Gururaj, PP Tasneem Feroz, PP Shamala Prasanna, PP Sudha Nagarjun (ISO), PDC Suma Krishna, Imm. Past President Chaya Venkatesh, PP Dr. Roopashree and PP Brunda Avanish are seen with seven new inductees.

Karnataka first to issue NEP enforcement orders

Bengaluru, Aug. 9 (Agencies)- Karnataka has become the first State in India to issue orders with regard to the implementation of National Education Policy-2020, State Higher Education Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan said.

The State Government issued the order last Saturday on the implementation of NEP-2020 with effect from the current academic year 2021-2022. "The implementation will be done as per the guidelines of the NEP," he said.

Kumar Nayak, Additional Chief Secretary to Higher Education, Thimmegowda, Vice-Chairman, Karnataka Higher Education Council and other senior officials were also present at a meeting on Saturday convened by Narayan with officials of the Department and State Higher Education Council.

On July 29, on the first anniversary of NEP, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched SAFAL (STRUCTURED Assessment For Analysing Learning), a competency-based assessment for Grades 3, 5 and 8 introduced by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan

Guidelines to implement NEP-2020

Students joining BA or B.Sc degree courses should opt for two subjects (as Discipline Core) available in their respective colleges. At the start of the 3rd year of the course, they can opt for one subject as a major and another subject as a minor or they can study by opting for both as major subjects.

In addition to opting for two subjects as Discipline Core, they need to choose Kannada and one more language as language subjects. Besides, they need to choose Open Electives and Discipline Electives as per curriculum structure. It has been directed to prepare a separate Kannada curriculum for those who have not studied Kannada in PUC or 10+2 level or for those whose mother tongue is not Kannada.

Discipline Core subjects

Opting Discipline Core subjects is not necessary for studying subject-based graduate courses such as B.Com, BCA, BBA, BVA, BPA, etc.

If the student discontinues, for any reason, after completing the first year of graduation (National Skills Qualifications Framework Level 5) by obtaining the necessary credits, he/ she shall be given the certificate.

If the student discontinues, for any reason, after completing the second year of graduation (National Skills Qualifications Framework Level 6) by obtaining the necessary credits, he/she shall be given the Diploma Certificate.

If the student discontinues, for any reason, after completing the 3rd year of graduation (National Skills Qualifications Framework Level 7) by obtaining the necessary credits, he/ she shall be awarded the Bachelor's Degree.

If the 4th year of the course (National Skills Qualifications Framework Level 8) is available in the college in which the student has studied the earlier years, the study along with the chosen optional subjects can be continued to get awarded the Honours Degree.

If the Research Project is part of the course, such students will be eligible to directly go for Ph.D studies. If there is no Honours Degree in the college in which the student had studied earlier years, the student can continue the studies by joining any other college where Honours Degree is taught. It is not mandatory for colleges to have Honours Degree

Credits through official online courses

Students can get a maximum of 40 percent of the expected credits through official online courses. The student can get a degree from the University of his/ her choice by getting a minimum of 50 percent credits from the respective university.

Any student should have fulfilled the necessary prerequisite while choosing the subjects of discipline core, open electives and discipline electives. For example, while selecting Physics or Mathematics, one should have studied those subjects in PUC or 10+2 grade. If not, they should have studied official prerequisite courses in the respective subjects.

Students can discontinue only after completion of even semesters and accordingly, they can re-join only for odd semesters.

Integrated courses of 5 years

Eligible colleges can have integrated courses of 5 years in addition to degrees of 3 years and honours degrees of 4 years. If any student discontinues after 3 years degree he/ she will be awarded a Degree and after 4 years, Honours Degree will be awarded.

Post-Graduation will be of one year or two years. Those who have obtained Honours Degree will be eligible to study one year PG and those who have got Degree for 3 years of study will be eligible to join for 2 year PG.

If the student studying in the 2nd year of PG discontinues after getting prescribed credits set for the 1st year, he/ she can be awarded the PG Diploma.

NEP is undemocratic and dictatorial: Siddharamaiah

Bengaluru, Aug. 9 (UNI)- Senior Congress Leader and former Karnataka CM Siddharamaiah said the decision of the state Government to implement the New Education Policy (NEP) from the current academic year is undemocratic and dictatorial.

Siddharamaiah

"It is a dictatorial decision. The NEP has been implemented without any discussion. It is against the spirit of federalism. The policy should have been implemented after a detailed discussion," he said.

Siddharamaiah said that the Government went ahead with the implementation of the policy despite education experts urging it to do so only after discussions with experts, he said.

This policy, Siddharamaiah said, will give private universities a free hand while reducing government universities into mere certificate-selling shops.

"The Central and the State Governments have gone out of their way to reduce the Government universities into mere certificate-selling shops and encourage private universities to make more money," he alleged.

Moreover, education is in the concurrent list as per the Schedule 7 of the Indian Constitution, but the Centre is imposing the policy on the States by denying them their right. Siddharamaiah also claimed that some of the recommendations made in the policy are harmful to the interest of the State.

Manju Pavagada wins

Bigg Boss Kannada Season-8

K.P. Aravind is runner-up, Divya Uruduga bags third place

Bengaluru, Aug. 9- Curtains came down on Bigg Boss Kannada Season-8 with the grand finale yesterday with host Sudeep declaring Manju Pavagada as the winner and K.P. Aravind as the runner-up.

Manju Pavagada secured 45,03,495 lakh votes to emerge victorious and K.P. Aravind ended as the runner-up with 43,35,957 lakh votes. Divya Uruduga was the second runner-up with 11,61,205 votes. Manju was awarded Rs. 53 lakh as a winning prize and a trophy while Aravind was awarded Rs. 11 lakh. Divya Uruduga walked away with Rs. 6 lakh.

Vaishnavi Gowda garnered over 10 lakh votes and got Rs. 3.5 lakh cash prize, while Prashanth Sambargi, who had secured over six lakh votes, got Rs. 2.5 lakh cash prize.

In the eighth season, all top 5 contestants have walked away with a cash prize which was not the case in earlier seasons where only the winner got the cash prize. The show, for the first time in the history, was restarted after getting suspended on May 8 after the Karnataka Govt. imposed a lockdown to prevent the spread of the second wave of the pandemic. On June 23, Colors Kannada kicked off the second innings.

PROFILES

Manju Pavagada was born at Pavagada in Tumakuru in 1987. He worked at a petrol pump early in his career and made a place in the TV and film industry after his hard work and a lot of struggles. He also worked as a theatre artiste in 2012. He did a lot of theatre plays early in his career.

Manju started his TV career in the year 2018 with the comedy show 'Majaa Bharatha' telecasted on Colors Kannada TV. His career gained a new identity from this TV show and he also gained a lot of popularity. He began his acting career in Kannada films with 'Love You 2' released in the year 2018 and also played a supporting role in films 'Ramarjuna' and 'Bajrangi 2', released in 2021.

Born on Dec. 8, 1985, **K.P. Aravind** is an Indian bike racer who has won 17 Nationals and an International Trophy. Apart from this, he is also an actor in the Kannada film industry, who played the lead role in the film 'Bengaluru Days.'

In 2006, he won in Gulf Directorate National Championship organised by TVS Racing. Aravind then won National Championship title more than 17 times in dirt tracks, rallies and motor cross events and had also participated in the MRF Super Cross National Championship in 2009.

In 2011, he participated in the Motorcraft Championship organised by Sri Lanka Motor Race Drivers Association and by winning this Championship, he became the first Indian to win the Overseas Motorcross Championship. He also suffered a number of injuries during the racing in Sri Lanka, which took him months and years to recover. In 2016, Aravind became the second Indian to complete the Dakar Rally held in Peru where he finished in 39th place.

Divya Uruduga was born in Uruduga village in Thirthahalli, Shivamogga. She started her acting career with Kannada TV show *Chitte Hejje*. Later, she went on to appear in Kannada TV shows *Ambaari*, *Khushi* and *Om Shakti Om Shanti*. In 2019, she played the lead role of Sneha in Kannada film 'Face 2 Face' produced by B.K. Sumithra and in 2020, she played lead role of Jhanvi in movie *Ranchi*.

WORD OF THE DAY

Dally

Pronunciation: DAL-ee.
Meaning: To act playfully; especially : to play amorously; to deal lightly: toy; to waste time; linger, dawdle.
Origin: English speakers have been playing with dally since the 14th century. They first started using the word with the meaning "to chat," which was also the meaning of the Anglo-French word from which it was derived, but that meaning fell into disuse. Next, dalliers were amusing themselves by acting playfully with each other especially in amorous and flirtatious ways. Apparently, some dalliers were also a bit derisive, leading dally to mean "to deal with lightly or in a way that is not serious." It didn't take long for the fuddy-duddies to criticise all this play as a waste of time. By the mid-16th century, dally was weighted down with its "to waste time" and "to dawdle" senses.
Example: Alton has been dallying with the idea of starting a bakery.

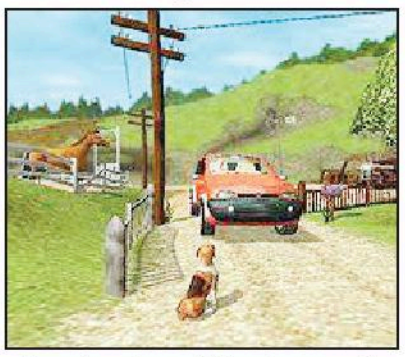
THE ODD WORD

Darraign

To vindicate; to justify or prove.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Dog's Life



Meaning: A miserable and unpleasant life; unhappy existence; to lead a drab or boring life.
Origin: This expression was first recorded in a 16th-century manuscript and alluded to the miserable subservient existence of dogs during this era. By the 1660s, there was a proverb: "It's a dog's life, hunger and ease."
Example: Mark's been leading a dog's life since he was fired from the job.

QUOTE BOX

Not how long, but how well you have lived is the main thing. **— Seneca**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus

RULE GAUNTLET

Answer: Rule with an iron hand.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Death column, in short
5 Triangular sail
8 This place
12 African country Burkina __
13 Brit. award
14 Copied
15 Chummy
17 Not all
18 Local Area Network, abbr.
19 Advances or makes progress? (4,2)
21 Bent, buckled or capitulated
24 Unusual
25 Keen
26 Female
30 Forty winks
31 This is obtained from the pig
32 Spare the ___ and spoil the child?
33 Sharply defined? (5-3)
35 Polluted air
36 Movable stand on which coffin or corpse rests
37 Fatuous
38 Unsatisfactory state of affairs? (3,3)
41 Gad's son ?
42 A wind instrument
43 In the wings
48 Actor Guinness
49 Table scrap
50 ___ the cud : ruminate or ponder over?
51 Sac formed in the body, containing morbid matter?
52 Knock outs, abbr.
53 Detest or abhor

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

J	E	W	■	T	A	S	K	■	D	A	L	I
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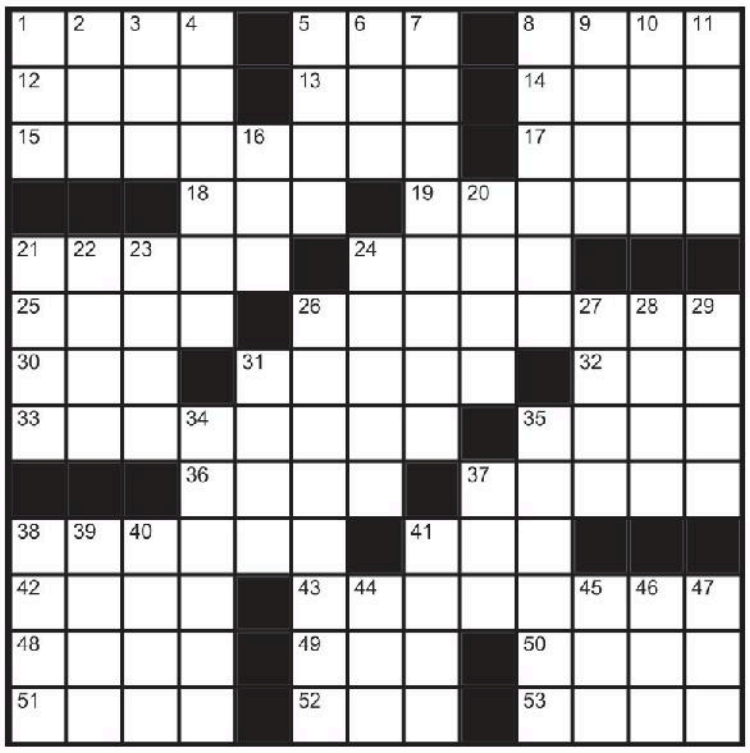
Down
1 Cast ___ : abandon or disown?
2 Lamb's cry?
3 Any distinctive doctrine or practice
4 Laboured or worked very hard
5 Weld or fasten together
6 Ind. Bankers Assoc.
7 Aromatic and flavoursome oil
8 Hurry or be quick
9 An epic poem - "pose" anagram?
10 San ___ : Italian city?
11 Kolkata's ___ Gardens
16 Youth
20 Eire or Ireland?
21 French bench
22 Egg-shaped
23 Rub with a circular motion
24 Happen again
26 Popular social networking site
27 Girl's name
28 Midday
29 Brink of border
31 Verve
34 Wretched, contemptible
35 Slang word for "steal"
37 ITO in U.S.
38 Onetime UK airline
39 With competence
40 ___ away with : gets rid of or kills?
41 Small amphibious creatures
44 To and ___ : here and there, in a way?
45 A cry of joy, it's said
46 Acquire or receive
47 A female sheep



SUDOKU

		7			9		6	
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			3		1			4
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		5				4	7	2
8			1		7			
	5		4				2	6
	6		9			1		

Answer to previous puzzle

8	1	7	5	9	3	2	6	4
5	6	9	1	2	4	7	3	8
4	3	2	6	7	8	5	9	1
1	9	4	3	6	7	8	5	2
2	5	6	4	8	9	3	1	7
3	7	8	2	5	1	9	4	6
6	2	3	7	4	5	1	8	9
9	4	5	8	1	2	6	7	3
7	8	1	9	3	6	4	2	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

TJXDMCJE XPA WPAHV KSKU NTJD PU YK

XPA THUKTVX MTSK TJV TUK.

TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS G

Saturday's Cryptoquip: Humour is just another defense against the universe.

EVENTS TODAY (AUG. 9)

- **Dr. K. Leela Prakash Shashtabdi Abhinandana Samiti:** Felicitation to Dr. K. Leela Prakash, Founder-Director & Chief Editor, Dr. K. Krishnamurthy Samshodhana Pratishtana, Mysuru, and releasing of felicitation volume titled 'Leelabharati,' Nityotsava Convention Hall, near Ashoka Circle (Ballal Circle), Krishnamurthypuram, **4.30 pm.**
- **Natana Rangashale (Natana School of Theatre Arts):** Staging of play 'Mallamana Mane Hotlu,' directed by Kiran Gargi [The play, based on 'The Shoemaker's Prodigious Wife' written by twentieth-century Spanish dramatist Federico Garcia Lorca, is translated to Kannada by H.S. Shivaprakash], Rangashale premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG. 10)

- **Talukina Venkannaiah Smaraka Granthamale, Mysuru and District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru:** Book release — 'Sakkare Kayile - Prashne ? Uttara' (Diabetes - Question ? Answer), authored by Dr. S.P. Yoganna — Dr. C.N. Manjunath, Director, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, releases the book, Prof. Mallepuram G. Venkatesh, retd. VC, San-skrit University, Bengaluru and Dr. B.V. Vasanthakumar, President, Karnataka Sahitya Academy, Bengaluru, chief guests, Dr. M. Annayya Kulal Ulthur, President, Karnataka Rajya IMA Kannada Vaidya Barahagarara Balaga, presides, T.S. Chayapati, Publisher, Talukina Venkannaiah Smaraka Granthamale, Mysuru and Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, President, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru, will be present, N.C. Thammanna Gowda, Advocate, Mysuru, will compere, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **11 am.**

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Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	(S-2)	11.20 am
Kaliveera (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Timmarusu (Te)	(S-2)	4.30 pm
SR Kalyana Mandapam (Te)	(S-3)	10.50 am, 4 pm, 6.55 pm
Mortal Kombat (E)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
The Suicide Squad (E)	(S-4)	10.55 am, 1.35 pm, 4.15 pm, 7 pm

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The Suicide Squad (E)	(S-2)	11.50 am, 3 pm, 6.15 pm
	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Kaliveera (K)	(S-4)	2.45 pm
SR Kalyana Mandapam (Te)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
	(S-4)	6.00 pm
Merise Merise (Te)	(S-4)	11.40 am

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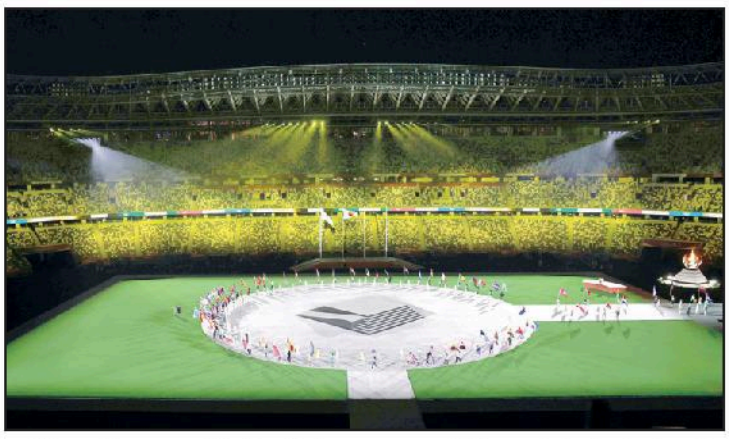
Kaliveera (K)	:	11.55 am
Timmarusu (Te)	:	11.05 am
SR Kalyana Mandapam (Te)	:	02.15 pm, 6.10 pm
Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard (E)	:	12.20 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.20 pm
Promising Young Woman (E)	:	3.05 pm, 6.30 pm
The Suicide Squad (E)	:	11.30 am, 2.45 pm, 6 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Tokyo bids farewell to spectacular Olympic Games, next edition in Paris



Tokyo, Aug. 9 (UNI)- After 16 days of breathtaking moments, the spectacular Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games drew to a close yesterday amid all the extraordinary restrictions and challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Hundreds of athletes gathered in a nearly empty National Stadium to bid farewell to the largest global sporting event since the start of the pandemic early last year.

International Olympic Committee (IOC) Chief Thomas Bach declared the Games closed after the French flag was raised inside Olympic Stadium for the transition to Paris 2024. "See you in Paris, thank you very much," IOC President Bach said.

The flame that was lit in Greece ahead of the unprecedented postponement of the games in March 2020 and burned in the sphere-shaped cauldron throughout the Games was extinguished after a short performance in the stadium.

"For the first time since the pandemic began, the entire world came together. Sport returned to centre stage. Billions of people around the globe were united by emotion, sharing moments of joy and inspiration. This gives us hope. This gives us faith in the future," said Bach in his speech. "The Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 are the Olympic Games of hope, solidarity and peace," he added.

The ceremony also included a ska band on a stage with people dancing, juggling and soccer players moving around an elevated stage in the centre of the stadium. Medals for the marathon were presented — an Olympic tradition — followed by traditional Japanese dances inside stadium and on videoboard. An opera singer performed during the IOC anthem, then the transition to Paris 2024 that included a flyover in front of thousands of fans in front of the Eiffel Tower.

Earlier, the Olympic flag that was raised at the 68,000-seat stadium during the opening ceremony was lowered.

Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike handed it to Bach, who in turn passed it to Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo, handing the baton to the host city of the next Summer Games in 2024.

The USA topped the gold medal standings, followed by China. The US collected 39 golds, with 11 won in swimming. China claimed 38, including seven in weightlifting and seven in diving.

Hosts Japan, which finished third, had its best overall Olympic performance ever with a record 58 medals, including its most gold with 27.

Since opening on July 23, about 11,000 athletes from over 200 regions competed in Tokyo and some other parts of Japan while following anti-virus rules, which included taking daily COVID-19 tests and limiting their movements largely to Olympic village. Tokyo Olympics featured 33 sports made up of 339 medal events, with karate, surfing, skateboarding and sport climbing making their debuts.

The centenary of the Paris 1924 Olympic Games

In 2024, Paris will become just the second city to host the Olympic Summer Games three times after London (which staged the 1908, 1984 and 2012 Olympic Games).

The City of Lights first hosted the Olympic Games in 1900, four years after the multi-sport event was resurrected in Athens after being banned by Roman Emperor Theodosius I some 1,500 years earlier.

No opening or closing ceremonies were held at the 1900 Olympics, which featured female competitors for the first time in Olympic history, as well as other unique events including ballooning, underwater swimming and cricket.

Paris hosted the Summer Olympics again in 1924, becoming the first city to host the Olympics twice. While the Opening Ceremony of the 1924 Olympics was held on 5 July, some competitions began on 4 May, with the Closing Ceremony held on 27 July.

100 years later, on 26 July 2024, Paris will officially welcome the world to the Olympic Games for a third time, while these Olympics will be the sixth held in France (in addition to the three Summer Olympics mentioned above, France has also staged the Winter Olympics on three occasions: Chamonix 1924, Grenoble 1968 and Albertville '92).

Tokyo Olympics 2020 Final Medal Count

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	USA	39	41	33	113
2	China	38	32	18	88
3	Japan	27	14	17	58
4	Great Britain	22	21	22	65
5	ROC	20	28	23	71
48	India	1	2	4	7

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'Diabetes - Questions and Answers', a book written by renowned Diabetologist Dr.S.P.Yoganna to be released tomorrow

Dr. S.P.Yoganna, Founder of **Suyog Hospital** in the city, is a former Professor of Medicine and a renowned Kannada Medical writer, having written more than 25 medical works and many articles / columns in newspapers on health awareness and health issues.

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The book is a collection of his vast experience and is brought out in the form of a Question and answer module. The book contains answers for more than 500 questions pertaining to Diabetes disease. The book is a boon for patients suffering from Diabetes.

The book published by **Talukina Venkannaiah Smaraka Granthamale,** will be released at a programme to take place at **Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri at 11 am tomorrow (Aug.10).**

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